

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-38, all of the claims in the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified translation of PCT/DE03/01332.

Please add new claims 39-78, as follows:

Claims 1-38 (Cancelled)

39 (New) A device for fastening at least one dressing on a cylinder of a rotary printing press comprising:

at least one groove in the cylinder and having an opening oriented at a surface of the cylinder.

a first groove opening wall and a second groove opening wall;

at least one dressing end holding device in said groove and adapted to releasably hold at least a dressing trailing end leg inserted into said opening, said holding device being a pivotable lever ;

at least one spring element in said groove, said spring element exerting a holding force on said holding device;

a bearing point in said groove and opposite said opening, said bearing point receiving said holding device;

a support point defined by an area of engagement between said spring element and one of said first and second groove opening walls; and

a clamping point for said dressing trailing end leg and defined by said holding device and said other of said first and second groove opening walls, said clamping point being opposite said support point, said spring element fixing said holding device in said

bearing point by a counterforce generated at said support point.

40. (New) The device of claim 39 further including a line tangent to said cylinder surface at said opening, said wall defining said support point forming an inclined surface at an acute angle with respect to said tangent, said support point facing said bearing point.

41. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein the cylinder is supported for rotation in a production direction and further wherein said support point is on said one of said first and second groove opening walls which is first in said production direction.

42. (New) The device of claim 41 further including a front edge of said one of said first and second groove opening walls, said support point being located on said one of said first and second groove opening walls at a distance from said front edge.

43. (New) The device of claim 42 wherein said distance is less than 5 mm.

44. (New) The device of claim 41 further including a dressing leading end leg, said support point being located on said dressing leading end leg suspended on said first edge.

45. (New) The device of claim 39 further including a rocker on said dressing trailing end leg, said rocker being located on said other of said first and second groove opening walls.

46. (New) The device of claim 45 wherein said holding device engages said rocker.

47. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said pivotable lever has a first end engageable with said leg and a second end in said bearing point.

48. (New) The device of claim 47 wherein said cylinder is supported for rotation in a production direction and further wherein said clamping point is on said one of said first

and second groove opening walls which is first in said production direction and further including a line tangent to said cylinder surface of said opening, said one of said first and second groove opening walls extending at an acute angle to said tangent line.

49. (New) The device of claim 40 wherein said acute angle is between 40° and 50°.

50. (New) The device of claim 48 wherein said acute angle is between 40° and 50°.

51. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said bearing point is adjacent a bottom surface of said groove.

52. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said spring element is a leaf spring.

53. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said spring element is pre-stressed.

54. (New) The device of claim 42 further including a dressing leading end leg, said dressing leading end leg being suspendable on said first edge.

55. (New) The device of claim 48 further including a dressing leading end leg, said dressing leading end leg being suspendable on said first edge.

56. (New) The device of claim 39 further including an actuating means in said groove and adapted to act on said holding device in opposition to said spring element.

57. (New) The device of claim 56 wherein said actuating means is a hose adapted to be charged with a pressure medium.

58. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said groove carries one holding device.

59. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said groove carries a plurality of said holding devices.

60. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said bearing point is fixed in place in said groove.

61. (New) The device of claim 39 further including at least one base body in said

groove, said at least one base body having said holding device and said spring element, said holding device being pivotably supported in said base body.

62. (New) The device of claim 61 wherein said base body is supported in said groove fixed against rotation.

63. (New) The device of claim 39 wherein said groove is circular in cross-section.

64. (New) The device of claim 61 further including a stop on said base body and projecting into said opening, said stop fixing said base body in said groove against rotation.

65. (New) The device of claim 64 wherein said stop is supported opposite to said clamping point.

66. (New) A printing group of a rotary printing press comprising:

- at least one forme cylinder;

- at least one transfer cylinder adapted to cooperate with said forme cylinder;

- at least one plate-shaped printing forme secured to said forme cylinder;

- at least one support plate with a printing blanket on said transfer cylinder;

- means supporting said forme cylinder and said transfer cylinder for rotation in a production direction;

- a leading end with a beveled leg and a trailing end with a beveled leg on each said printing forme and said support plate;

- at least one end leg receiving groove in each said forme cylinder and said transfer cylinder, each said groove having an opening extending toward a surface of each said cylinder, each said opening having a front edge and a first wall and a rear edge and a second wall, said first wall extending at an acute angle to a line tangent to

said surface at said opening, said leading edge of said printing forme and said support plate being suspendable from said front edge;

a printing forme trailing end leg holding means in said groove in said forme cylinder and including a pivotable lever supported for pivotable movement in a bearing point opposite said opening, and a spring engageable with said pivotable lever and with one of said first and second walls at a support point, said pivotable lever holding said trailing end leg in a clamping point against one of said first and second groove walls opposite said support point, said spring element providing a counterforce holding said pivotable lever in said bearing point; and

a support plate trailing end leg clamping element in said groove in said transfer cylinder and including a clamping element pivotable lever with a first end and a second end, said clamping element second end being supported in a clamping element bearing point opposite said opening in said transfer cylinder, and a clamping element spring in said groove and exerting a counterforce against said clamping element, said clamping element first end exerting a clamping force against said trailing-end leg placed against said first wall of said opening in said transfer cylinder.

67. (New) The printing group of claim 66 wherein a right angle is formed between said forme cylinder second wall and said tangent line, said printing forme trailing end being supported on said forme cylinder second wall.

68. (New) The printing group of claim 66 wherein an obtuse angle is formed between said support plate trailing end with respect to said tangent line, said support plate trailing end being supported on said first wall of said transfer cylinder.

69. (New) A printing group of a rotary printing press comprising:

at least one forme cylinder;

at least one transfer cylinder adapted to cooperate with said forme cylinder;

at least one plate-shaped printing forme secured to said forme cylinder;

at least one support plate with a printing blanket on said transfer cylinder;

means supporting said forme cylinder and said transfer cylinder for rotation in a production direction;

a leading end with a beveled leg and a trailing end with a beveled leg on each said printing forme and said support plate;

at least one end leg receiving groove in each said forme cylinder and said transfer cylinder, each said groove having an opening extending toward a surface of each said cylinder, each said opening having a front edge and a first wall and a rear edge and a second wall, said first wall extending at an acute angle to a live tangent to said surface at said opening said leading edge of said printing forme and each support plate being suspendable from said front edge;

a right angle formed between said forme cylinder second wall and said tangent line, said printing forme trailing end being supported on said forme cylinder second wall;

and

an obtuse angle formed between said support plate trailing end with respect to said tangent line, said support plate leading and trailing ends being supported on said first wall of said transfer cylinder.

70. (New) The printing group of claim 69 further including a least one spring element and at least one holding element in each said cylinder groove, said at least one spring element providing a leg end holding force on said at least one holding element.

71. (New) The printing group of claim 70 wherein each said spring element exerts a retaining force on said at least one holding element for retaining said at least one holding element on a bearing point in each said groove.

72. (New) A device for fastening at least one dressing on a cylinder of a rotary printing press comprising:

at least one circular groove in the cylinder and having an opening directed toward a surface of the cylinder;

a groove first wall and a groove second wall;

at least one base body supported in said groove and including at least one spring element and at least one holding means; and

a stop on said base body and projecting into said opening, said stop supporting said base body against relative rotation on one of said first and second walls.

73. (New) The device of claim 72 wherein said holding means is seated on a bearing point in said base body.

74. (New) The device of claim 73 wherein at least one of said spring element and said holding means is supported at a support point on the other of said first and second walls opposite said one of said first and second walls having said stop.

75. (New) The device of claim 74 wherein said spring element generates a counterforce at said support point, said counterforce having a force component adapted to fix said holding means in place on said bearing point.

76. (New) The printing group of claim 66 wherein said opening has a width of less than 5 mm.

77. (New) The printing group of claim 69 wherein said opening has a width of less

than 5 mm.

78. (New) The device of claim 72 wherein said opening has a width of less than 5 mm.